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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

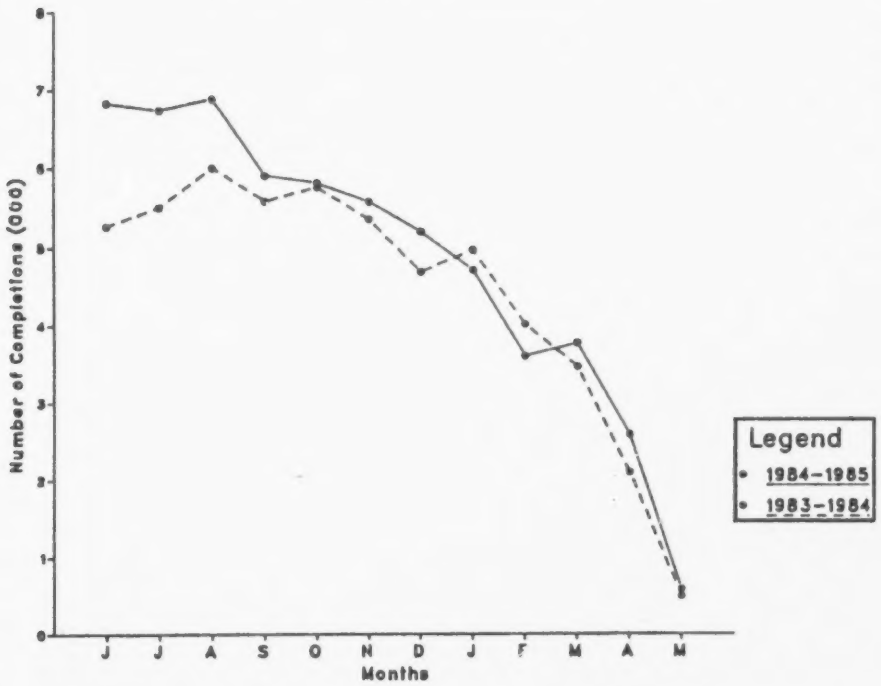

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 31,1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	7,849	35,713,550	2,532	15,563,327	4,877	26,206,420	15,258	77,483,297	15,668	78,911,722
1985: MAY	272	1,439,465	60	403,822	254	1,562,299	586	3,405,586	618	3,516,986
APR	1,413	6,340,601	326	2,092,041	848	4,390,786	2,587	12,823,428	2,648	12,991,190
MAR	2,000	8,916,657	590	3,688,715	1,178	5,893,792	3,768	18,499,164	3,869	18,819,234
FEB	1,841	8,578,566	590	4,267,525	1,072	5,827,954	3,603	18,674,045	3,702	18,994,615
JAN	2,323	10,438,261	866	5,111,224	1,525	8,531,589	4,714	24,081,074	4,831	24,589,697
TOTAL 1984	37,284	147,454,320	13,535	74,764,905	22,423	109,281,463	73,242	331,500,688	74,953	336,323,383
1984: DEC	2,629	10,514,244	891	5,006,805	1,686	8,974,599	5,206	24,495,648	5,326	24,875,556
NOV	2,934	11,413,642	992	5,330,256	1,658	8,446,304	5,584	25,190,202	5,698	25,551,026
OCT	2,991	12,543,894	1,045	5,830,193	1,781	8,641,633	5,817	27,015,720	5,979	27,537,529
SEP	2,982	11,577,625	1,101	5,937,589	1,826	8,719,182	5,909	26,234,496	6,015	26,548,884
AUG	3,309	12,540,204	1,334	7,110,047	2,239	10,374,165	6,882	30,024,416	7,030	30,484,013
JUL	3,415	13,208,548	1,223	6,803,231	2,096	9,662,064	6,734	29,673,843	6,871	30,099,426
JUN	3,371	12,701,616	1,304	6,925,090	2,149	9,864,832	6,824	29,491,538	6,972	29,889,171
MAY	3,306	13,064,199	1,187	6,625,570	1,824	8,972,652	6,317	28,662,421	6,467	29,032,422
APR	2,931	11,298,265	901	5,379,812	1,602	8,055,121	5,434	24,733,198	5,608	25,143,311
MAR	3,096	12,760,920	1,054	6,395,443	1,675	8,529,500	5,825	27,685,863	5,985	28,083,742
FEB	3,047	12,389,588	1,205	6,438,653	1,708	8,574,835	5,960	27,403,076	6,102	27,794,434
JAN	3,273	13,441,575	1,298	6,982,116	2,179	10,466,576	6,750	30,890,267	6,900	31,283,869
TOTAL 1983	35,488	132,428,718	13,824	74,161,117	22,665	100,895,695	71,977	307,485,530	73,917	312,067,050
1983: DEC	2,908	11,124,845	1,279	6,516,425	1,862	9,063,133	6,049	26,704,403	6,191	27,063,267
NOV	3,161	12,195,192	1,233	6,059,643	2,077	9,641,891	6,471	27,896,726	6,639	28,310,884
OCT	3,221	12,281,287	1,365	6,778,694	2,113	9,405,999	6,699	28,465,980	6,862	28,858,283
SEP	3,151	11,601,477	1,230	6,382,141	1,946	8,322,629	6,327	26,306,247	6,496	26,650,485
AUG	3,316	11,681,547	1,295	6,543,667	2,041	8,423,861	6,652	26,649,075	6,871	27,211,568
JUL	3,002	10,758,897	1,070	5,617,147	1,929	8,065,827	6,001	24,441,871	6,175	24,830,375
JUN	2,827	10,307,214	1,022	5,809,757	1,836	7,273,838	5,685	23,390,809	5,850	23,729,972
MAY	2,605	10,322,927	925	5,436,823	1,697	7,481,807	5,227	23,241,557	5,406	23,696,817
APR	2,530	9,772,843	863	5,178,162	1,534	7,093,076	4,927	22,044,081	5,046	22,325,332
MAR	2,850	10,993,652	1,058	6,054,820	1,821	8,457,332	5,729	25,505,804	5,890	25,838,060
FEB	2,521	9,625,340	1,074	6,017,830	1,709	7,791,332	5,304	23,434,502	5,423	23,741,268
JAN	3,396	11,763,497	1,410	7,766,008	2,100	9,874,970	6,906	29,404,475	7,068	29,810,739
TOTAL 1982	38,167	146,185,100	18,449	104,009,767	25,348	120,752,727	81,964	370,947,594	84,166	376,183,862
TOTAL 1981	42,673	169,053,992	19,826	106,149,416	27,119	132,482,914	89,618	407,686,322	91,991	413,508,050

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MAY 31, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	463	2,889,342	234	1,527,665	2,244	13,333,078	2,941	17,750,085
1985: MAY	16	100,127	10	48,337	119	758,557	145	907,021
APR	50	289,705	28	181,380	364	2,177,066	442	2,648,151
MAR	103	660,794	39	250,277	500	2,812,200	642	3,723,271
FEB	133	852,494	62	425,126	519	3,077,135	714	4,354,755
JAN	161	986,222	95	622,545	742	4,508,120	998	6,116,887
TOTAL 1984	2,158	11,760,269	1,288	8,292,487	10,253	55,263,167	13,699	75,315,923
1984: DEC	124	663,520	61	342,457	822	4,878,655	1,007	5,884,632
NOV	161	884,440	71	459,453	773	4,359,098	1,005	5,702,991
OCT	154	769,029	109	712,130	872	4,474,153	1,135	5,955,312
SEP	197	1,118,969	100	673,748	827	4,308,993	1,124	6,101,710
AUG	169	907,194	94	647,918	975	5,216,008	1,238	6,771,120
JUL	181	959,192	127	868,906	996	5,001,398	1,304	6,829,496
JUN	185	1,031,908	115	693,826	1,013	5,127,461	1,313	6,853,195
MAY	210	1,150,444	119	751,900	796	4,406,642	1,125	6,308,986
APR	148	881,144	92	624,357	720	3,950,198	960	5,455,699
MAR	210	1,166,336	139	956,864	717	4,078,684	1,066	6,201,884
FEB	195	1,094,060	137	805,644	782	4,360,435	1,114	6,260,139
JAN	224	1,134,033	124	755,284	960	5,101,442	1,308	6,990,759
TOTAL 1983	2,068	10,402,741	1,597	10,034,677	9,783	47,721,284	13,448	68,158,702
1983: DEC	148	738,902	118	728,770	797	4,191,201	1,063	5,658,873
NOV	166	822,684	110	683,796	915	4,454,474	1,191	5,960,954
OCT	199	1,046,486	132	800,543	902	4,398,261	1,233	6,245,290
SEP	169	849,357	128	771,556	876	3,993,921	1,173	5,614,834
AUG	179	780,611	131	774,651	860	3,813,279	1,170	5,368,541
JUL	178	820,697	126	716,449	821	3,646,319	1,125	5,183,465
JUN	163	796,488	126	835,795	823	3,518,909	1,112	5,151,192
MAY	156	907,520	148	982,254	763	3,755,119	1,067	5,644,893
APR	172	856,144	127	837,487	629	3,300,781	928	4,994,412
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	764	4,067,930	1,085	5,880,434
FEB	171	926,938	145	972,962	700	3,705,993	1,016	5,605,893
JAN	193	923,364	159	1,051,460	933	4,875,097	1,285	6,849,921
TOTAL 1982	2,457	13,392,998	2,132	14,585,043	11,117	59,996,279	15,706	87,974,320
TOTAL 1981	2,665	15,429,356	2,527	17,016,432	12,270	68,763,168	17,462	101,208,956

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING MAY 1985

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,788	11,799,713	953	5,780,742	1,406	7,470,189	5,147	25,050,644	5,278	25,536,177
1985: MAY	272	1,439,465	60	403,822	254	1,562,299	586	3,405,586	618	3,516,986
APR	1,177	5,059,199	278	1,642,438	502	2,470,508	1,957	9,172,145	1,994	9,300,906
MAR	757	2,815,008	297	1,774,294	323	1,661,872	1,377	6,251,174	1,412	6,376,187
FEB	328	1,397,768	166	1,025,063	195	1,076,389	689	3,499,220	705	3,572,576
JAN	254	1,088,273	152	935,125	132	699,121	538	2,722,519	549	2,769,522
TOTAL 1984	1,195	3,602,885	873	4,018,985	499	2,362,798	2,567	9,984,668	2,663	10,194,507
1984: DEC	217	698,708	143	706,959	89	479,652	449	1,885,319	461	1,918,103
NOV	207	521,562	140	678,168	82	434,679	429	1,634,409	433	1,647,411
OCT	155	543,012	142	636,476	62	308,174	359	1,487,662	364	1,507,427
SEP	122	371,338	158	683,419	42	156,270	322	1,211,027	329	1,238,891
AUG	128	354,049	96	389,171	50	252,208	274	995,428	280	1,009,301
JUL	92	224,592	69	258,672	34	162,647	195	645,911	200	659,472
JUN	71	216,132	36	192,583	44	196,813	151	605,528	157	609,063
MAY	72	210,736	22	110,592	22	100,059	116	421,387	130	434,825
APR	43	152,331	15	100,353	23	81,640	81	334,324	94	359,132
MAR	32	108,300	21	132,404	23	82,942	76	323,646	92	347,803
FEB	31	114,655	19	90,725	15	74,649	65	280,029	70	289,136
JAN	25	87,470	12	39,463	13	33,065	50	159,998	53	173,943
TOTAL 1983	110	291,142	89	369,095	103	306,981	302	967,218	317	1,013,946
1983: DEC	25	46,656	15	59,660	15	49,253	55	155,569	57	161,166
NOV	20	66,385	10	43,354	16	62,215	46	171,954	52	190,099
OCT	12	33,414	12	60,349	5	16,585	29	110,348	30	113,348
SEP	4	6,426	7	18,446	5	6,157	16	29,029	17	32,025
AUG	8	38,443	9	49,484	13	38,793	30	126,720	32	131,730
JUL	7	14,461	7	23,225	13	29,714	27	87,400	27	67,400
JUN	9	22,532	9	24,427	7	16,747	25	63,708	27	70,156
MAY	4	11,475	4	17,305	6	21,191	14	49,971	14	49,971
APR	4	6,738	2	5,919	6	25,085	12	37,742	13	43,272
MAR	5	19,361	5	22,167	8	21,135	18	62,663	18	62,663
FEB	7	15,458	2	8,376	7	17,008	16	40,842	16	40,842
JAN	5	9,793	7	38,383	2	3,098	14	51,274	14	51,274
TOTAL 1982	58	115,461	69	264,562	55	201,561	182	581,584	184	590,909
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	16	45,394	14	67,212	39	119,037	69	231,643	73	259,460
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	4,167	15,854,595	1,998	10,500,596	2,102	10,460,566	8,267	36,815,757	8,515	37,594,999

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of May 31, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period May 1, 1985 through May 31, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.